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Title: Method for Removing N-terminal Methionine

of which is described and claimed in:

( ) the attached specification, or  
 ( ) the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 (X) the specification in International Application No. PCT/JP99/05456, filed October 4, 1999, and as amended on (if applicable).

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